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SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Lynch, a quick question, if I may. I talked to you a little bit about a possible amendment to your proposition in the spirit of good faith and the amendment, as you know, made clarified the fact that the caucus would be choosing and not the Exec. Board itself, to which you had no objection, as I understand. And I'm wondering if you would have any objection to one further step which would be to switch from the first Exec. Board district to the second Exec. Board district, District 16, which is Senator Robinson's district, and part of the reason I would suggest that is simply to make it easier for everybody this next go-round in the sense that if we adopt your suggestion there would be Senator Wehrbein and Senator Crosby and Senator Moore and Senator Lowell Johnson and Senator Robinson all would be from that one particular Exec. Board district. Senator Johnson will not be here any longer so that problem is resolved. If Senator Robinson's district were switched to the second then those current members of the Appropriations Committee from our caucus could continue to serve and it would not be inappropriate in terms of the number of legislative districts. As you know, there's one odd number there and it's just a question of which caucus it's in. And it seemed to me that this might make things easier all the way around and not be inappropriate in any sense in any geographic or community sense, or any sense for that matter. Would you have any objection to that particular amendment?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, thank you. I'd try to answer it quickly as I can. If I can't, I'll turn my light on and try to get some more time. The first problem with it is that I would like to think we should council with Senator Peterson and Senator Nelson first to see what they think. I haven't done that because it wasn't my idea and we had talked about this a few days ago and you offered this as a compromise and it will change the numbers of the caucus in the first congressional district from 17 to 15 and increase, and then the numbers in the caucuses in the second and third districts would be 6...would then be 17. If you wanted to, you could explain why that would work no (inaudible).

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, Senator Lynch, that's not the proposition. The proposition only has one change...

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay.